whether for clinical investigation or any experiment, Good Clinical Practices (GCP) guidelines have also been published to streamline procedure for conducting clinical trials including code of ethics to be followed for all clinical trials.

Drive Against Spurious Drug Sellers and Manufacturers

†2263. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons apprehended under the drive being carried out against spurious drug sellers and manufacturers; and

(b) the action being taken against these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the feedback received from State Licensing Authorities, in all 68 persons have been apprehended since 1.4.2000 to 1.8.2001 for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs in the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, U.P., Delhi and A.P., Delhi Police in association with drugs Control Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), North Zone in a joint raid carried out in February 2002 have also apprehended four persons for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs. Police seized large haul of fake drugs moving in the inter-State commerce in this raid.

(b) the concerned State Licensing Authorities initiated punitive as per the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder against such persons.

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